

TITLE 8 DEVELOPMENT CODE
DIVISION 9: PLANT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT
CHAPTER 2: TREE PROTECTION FROM INSECTS AND DISEASE.

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89.0201 Purpose.

The County finds that there is a serious danger to the forests in this County from coniferous trees which are cut in land clearing operations and which are then allowed to remain exposed and untreated. When coniferous slash material is left untreated against noxious insects, the insects could multiply in such felled trees to later attack and damage the healthy coniferous trees of this County. It is in the public interest to establish standards for the proper treatment and disposition of felled trees to protect against damaging insects (e.g. bark beetles) and diseases.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

89.0205 Disposition of Coniferous Trees.

Every person, firm or corporation, whether as principal, agent or employee, which has control of, or right of entry, or of access to, any land in the area described in Section 89.0215, shall comply with the provisions of this chapter. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter, any coniferous tree or portion thereof, including stumps, shall be treated in accordance with one of the methods specified in this section and Section 89.0210 within fifteen (15) days after such a tree or portion of such a tree has been cut. In the case of any construction activity, the Building Official or Director of Environmental Health Services Department shall not approve any development permit inspections until all felled coniferous trees or portions thereof are treated in accordance with the provisions of this section. The Building Official or Director of Environmental Health Services Department shall require a permittee to obtain where necessary, a certificate from the County Forestry and Fire Warden Department, Agricultural Commissioner or appropriately certified Pest Control Adviser, or a Qualified Applicator, that compliance with any measures, that are not readily observable by the inspector on the construction site has been made in an acceptable manner.

Felled coniferous trees shall be treated by at least one (1) or a combination of the following measures:

- (a) Remove to a solid waste disposal site specifically designated by the County for such use;
- (b) Burn sufficiently to consume the bark, when allowed by local Fire Protection Agency and Air Pollution Control District;
- (c) Lop and scatter material less than four (4) inches in diameter so that it is piled no higher than twenty four (24) inches above the ground, when allowed by the local Fire Protection Agency;
- (d) Remove the bark;
- (e) Chip or grind;
- (f) Split and scatter with bark toward the sun for a minimum of forty-five (45) consecutive days or until final inspection is completed, whichever is less;
- (g) Stack in the sun and cover with six (6) mil clear plastic, which has a continuous seal from the outside and for at least one hundred-eighty (180) days;
- (h) Spray with a commercial insecticide for such purposes, as approved by the County Agricultural Commissioner for such insects and purposes;
- (i) Treat under any other method approved by the enforcement officer in writing.

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89.0210 Stump Treatment.

Any fresh-cut stumps of any live coniferous trees shall be protected from infection by Annosus Root Rot (*Fomes annosus*) with borax powder (granular tech, 10 mole) as soon as possible after felling, covering the entire newly exposed cut and/or broken surface completely with a thin uniform layer of white borax within two (2) hours.

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89.0215 Subject Areas.

The provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to all land located within:

- (a) The Mountain Area of San Bernardino County as defined by this Title.
- (b) The Oak Glen Planning Area.

Readopted Ordinance 3341 (1989)

89.0220 Extension of Time of Enforcement.

If any of the land governed by this chapter is subject to snow or flooding which renders compliance with the provisions of Section 89.0205 within the specified time periods impractical because of inaccessibility to the cut timber, an enforcement officer may extend the period of time for compliance.

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